# Minutes of the FIRST Meeting, 1960, of the REAL ESTATE LICENSE COMMISSION State of Hawaii

The first meeting of 1960 was called to order by the Chairman at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 14, 1960 at the Commission office, 205 Empire Building, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Present were: Eaton H. Magoon, Chairman Hirotoshi Yamamoto, Member

Aaron M. Chaney, Member

Robt E. Bekeart, Executive Secretary

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

## Office Space

Membership discussed the background situation and conditions which faced the Commission when notice was received from the Governor's Office that we would have to vacate Room 121, Honolulu Armory, in order to make space available to the staff of the State Senate.

Mr. Yamamoto reported on the search he and Mr. Chaney ordered the staff to conduct for new office space. In liaison with the Executive Secretary, Mr. Yamamoto considered the present site at 49 South Hotel Street to meet the current needs of the Commission.

The Executive Secretary reported that before negotiations commenced with Cooke Trust Company, Ltd. a thorough survey had been made of six other firms having offices in their buildings or who are agents renting downtown office facilities. The next desirable location to the site selected was inspected by Mr. Yamamoto and was determined to be inadequate.

Mr. Bekeart also stated that he had received complete cooperation in this entire project from the Governor's Administrative Director, Robert Ellis, and the Clerk of the Senate, Walter Chuck. The Department of Public Works, thru Sam Hirota, Deputy Superintendent, was apprised of the need for adequate space to house the Commission upon its eviction from the Armory by January 1, 1960. Authority was granted by the Executive Chambers to move outside state-owned and operated buildings if space to meet the requirements of the Commission was not available.

The members reviewed the terms of the lease for space we have negotiated for and are now occupying. On motion of the Chairman the terms of the lease were ruled as being acceptable. He deemed the space is adequate, the rental is fair. Approval was granted to immediately process payment of the initial month's lease rent of \$250. Mr. Yamamoto seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman recalled that during his tenure on the Commission, first as a member and later as Chairman, this regulatory body had been subjected to a series of moves from one temporary location to another. Territorial officials did not fully appreciate and understand, nor did they give proper recognition to this law enforcement agency's mission. Assignment of facilities in the past during periods of moving placed the invaluable records-keeping system in continual jeopardy of becoming lost, mishandled or mutilated. Mr. Magoon held that the security of this Commission's records has always been one of his paramount considerations as head of this body. In closing, the Chairman suggested that certain refinements in the language of the basic lease should be checked through with our legal authorities. The members unanimously agreed that the lease be presented to the Commission's assigned deputy, Mr. Tenny Hoon Tom, for approval as to form by his department. The Executive Secretary was directed to proceed with this undertaking.

#### NALLO Executive Meeting

The matter of Mr. Chaney's attendance at the May meeting in Pittsburgh of the NALLO Board of Directors was discussed. Mr. Magoon noted that it was important that Hawaii have representation on the board and only proper in that we were afforded this recognition, that we should strive to have Mr. Chaney attend this semi-annual meeting.

The Chairman moved that Mr. Chaney's attendance at the NALLO Executive Meeting be approved and that the necessary administrative details be attended to at once. Mr. Yamamoto seconded the motion. Carried.

#### Stevens-Ness Law Publishing Company

A letter from Oregon Real Estate Commissioner was read stating that Mr. Ness, a consultant in legal forms and contracts to the Oregon Real Estate Department would be visiting Hawaii shortly.

The members suggested that courtesies of the office be afforded Mr. Ness and the Executive Secretary was directed to help him in any way possible.

### Advanced Real Estate Practice Course

The Executive Secretary reported on the establishment of this higher type training at the College of General Studies at the University of Hawaii. Mr. Lowell Christensen, Sales Manager of Island Homes, volunteered to serve as instructor in this pilot course. Approximately 50 enrolees were anticipated for this class. It was noted that the staff has had excellent cooperation with real estate educators on campuses at University of California (Berkeley), University of British Columbia, Southern Methodist University (Dallas) and

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University of Colorado in laying the ground work for this new offering at Manoa Campus.

# 1960 Examination Schedule

Approval to conduct the first salesman's examination on Saturday March 12, 1960, and the first broker's examination on the following Saturday, March 19, 1960 was voted by the Commission. The deadline for filing application for these examinations was set as the close of the business day, Wednesday, February 10, 1960.

The second examination is tentatively set for mid-June throughout the State.

The Executive Secretary reported that the schedule was changed in order to phase in with the various offering in real estate at the College of General Studies at the University of Hawaii. The members accepted the report and approved the change in examination cycles.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

RODE E. Bekeart Executive Secretary